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Examiner : Nikolas J. Uhler  
Serial No. : 09/646,198  
Filed : September 14, 2000  
Inventor : Mitsuji Matsui  
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Title : SURFACE TREATING METHOD  
      : FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS  
      : AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM WHEEL  
      : SURFACE-TREATED BY THE  
      : SAME METHOD

Customer No. 035811

Docket No.: 1419-00

Confirmation No.: 5728

Dated: January 20, 2004

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated September 17, 2003 from December 17, 2003 to January 17, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

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